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- The chemical first aid kit which I mentioned as being included in the equipment of my regiment, is about 3 1/2 cm x 10 cm x 6 cm in size and contains the following:

two celluloid ampules which are about as long as the kit and occupy about one-half the width of the kit;

four glass tampons about two inches long and 1/2" in diameter, the tips of which are wrapped in gauze;

about eight pieces of gauze, measuring about 4" x 2 1/2".

I think this kit is the same one used during World War II. All soldiers are equipped with these kits.
- Enclosed in each of the celluloid ampules is a glass ampule. Between the glass and celluloid ampules is a colorless liquid; and the glass ampule contains a white powder. The liquid smells of ether, but I think it has an alcohol base because some soldiers drank it for its alcohol content (the soldiers became quite ill, and some of them were hospitalized for a day or two). These ampules are to be used for skin inflammations produced by gas attack. In case of gas attack the ampule is broken creating a chemical action between the white powder and the colorless liquid. This chemical action is a foaming, muddy-grey liquid product. The gauze is used to apply this new liquid to the affected part of the skin.
- The four tampons are to be used as defense against irritant gases. The tampon's tip is covered by a small piece of gauze. To use, the tip is broken releasing the liquid into the gauze which is then inserted in the nostrils. The liquid in the tampon is colorless, but I do not know its odor.

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4. The decontamination kit called RDP (Ruchnoy degazatsionnyy pribor) is approximately 60cm x 40cm x 20cm and has a capacity of 10 to 12 liters. The container is carried on the back and the nozzle on the end of a hose throws a spray about five meters. Since I never saw the apparatus in operation, I have no details on it. It is the same one in use during World War II.

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